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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed

Approval of Information Collection: Air Taxi and Commercial Operator Airport Activity Survey

AGENCY: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA), DOT

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves requesting that small on-demand operators voluntarily provide the number of revenue passengers that boarded their aircraft at each airport annually. This information is used in determining an airport's category and eligibility for federal funding on an annual basis. It is not available through any other federal data source.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by [insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Barbara Hall, Federal Aviation Administration, ASP-110, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hall by e-mail at:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0067

Title: Air Taxi and Commercial Operator Airport Activity Survey

Form Numbers: FAA Form 1800-31.

Type of Review: Clearance of a renewal of an information collection

Background: The data collected through this survey is the only source of data for charter and

nonscheduled passenger data by Part 135 operator (air taxis). The data received on the form (either paper

or signed electronic copy) is then incorporated into the Air Carrier Activity Information System which is

used to determine whether an airport is eligible for Airport Improvement Program funds and for

calculating primary airport sponsor apportionment as specified by title 49 United Stated Code (U.S.C.),

section 47114. The data collected on the form includes passenger enplanements by carrier and by airport.

Passengers traveling on air taxis would be overlooked entirely if this passenger survey were not

conducted. As a result, many airports would not receive their fair share of funds since there is currently

no other source for this type of charter activity. In each of the last 3 years, approximately 150 operators

have reported a total 1.2 million passengers. This data is important to those airports that struggle to meet

the 2,500 and 10,000 passenger levels and could not do so without the reporting of the charter passengers.

Respondents: The voluntary survey is sent through the U.S. Postal Service to approximately 300 small

on-demand operators (certificated under Federal Aviation Regulation Part 135) that have reported activity

in the last three years. The form is also available on the FAA website.

Frequency: Annually

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1.5 hours per respondent

Estimated Total Annual Burden: On average, approximately 150 respondents submit an annual

response. The cumulative total annual burden is estimated to be 225 hours.

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